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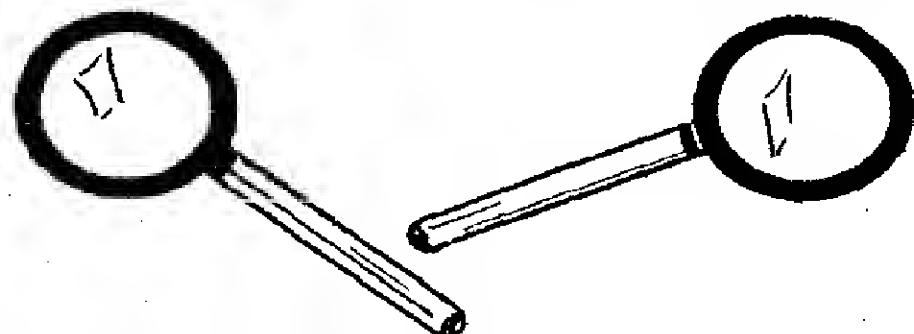
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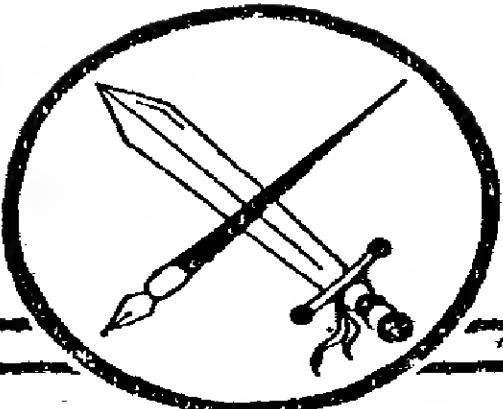


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PSO-002
1972-GG
Winter 1909 Postponed

1972-GG: 2ND CHANCE ?

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Please turn to the last page in this issue and make up your mind as to the disposition of your game. We here feel that the best way to correct the earlier mistakes and to re-establish the game in good-stands is to restart it in Fall 1908 with a replacement French player. The sooner you vote, the sooner the game will again commence play. VOTE!

PSO-004
1971-AM
Winter 1911 Only

TOO MANY HUNS For GERMANY ?!

ENGLAND (Brooks) No Moves Necessary
ITALY (Lind) Build Fleet Venice

GERMANY (Tilson) Build Army Kiel
TURKEY (Ripperda) Remove Army Sillesia

Retreat Army Berlin OTB and retreat
Army Rumania to Sevastopol

Since no build was requested, this
will leave Turkey one unit short.

Since Pitts did not send moves:
Jerry Ripperda takes over.

Correction- that
makes Turkey even
and the game can
continue from here.

= NEW PLAYER
= Jerry Ripperda
= W232 Owen Grad Hall
= Mich. State Univ.
= East Lansing, MICH
= 48824

= Thanks for taking
over and helping us
out Jerry!

= Spring 1912-
= Eng- On File
= Ger- On File
= Ita- Need Orders
= Tur- Need Orders

= Due Date in Back!

THE PEN & SWORD READERSHIP SURVEY- This article won't appear until next issue. However, its worth waiting for because a few of you actually said something intelligent! Anyone care to guess who they were?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: "I would like to request a change of address for my husband." Ms. Linda Greg Pitts- 1708 Larkspur Drive, Arlington, TEXAS 76013

GREAT EXPECTATIONS: Whenever you haven't got the next copy of PEN & SWORD in your grubby hot hands within 30 days of your preceding issue - WRITE!!!

FS-001
1974-CT
Winter 1904

Europe Takes Breather !!

NOTE: Spring 1905 postponed due to player request for season separation

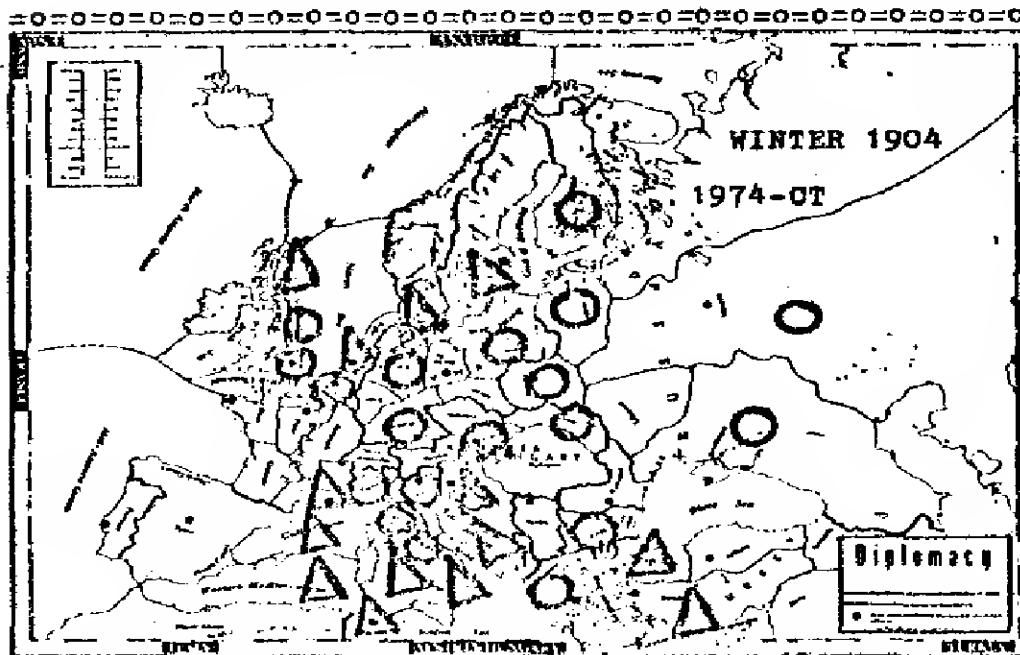
AUSTRIA (Baker)	Build Fleet Trieste - Spring moves NOT on file
ENGLAND (Kelly)	Build Fleet Edinburgh & Army London - S'05 on file
FRANCE (Fleming)	Build Fleet Marseilles - Spring 1905 on file
ITALY (McCabe)	Remove A Ruhr & Army Tyrolia - Spring 1905 on file
RUSSIA (Blank)	Remove Army St. Petersburg - Spring 1905 on file
TURKEY (McLendon)	Build Fleets Constantinople & Smyrna - S'05 on file

----- map below -----

PRESS:

PARIS --- Remember Les Folies Bergere! This cry signals an unusual situation developing in Europe. For the first time since the beginning of hostilities, the Austrian-Turkish alliance is about to face some real resistance. We can all hope, in Paris and London, that the caliber of Austrian and Turkish forces is at par with the caliber of the elite paratroopers who were rounded up earlier last year and fondled by the girls of the Folies Bergere before being sent back via Parcel Post to Vienna.

TURKEY: The Sultan would like to start up a new variant game of Diplomacy starring the present players in 1974-CT, playing their same countries. The only rule change in this game from regular Diplomacy is that England would start out with A Liverpool, A London, and A Edinburgh. Everyone send me a \$20.00 game fee except for you, Kelly; you can play for free. //From my experiences with Ron, you guys should play for free and charge him the \$20.00 if you plan on coming out on top!//



DEADLINE:

Spring 1905

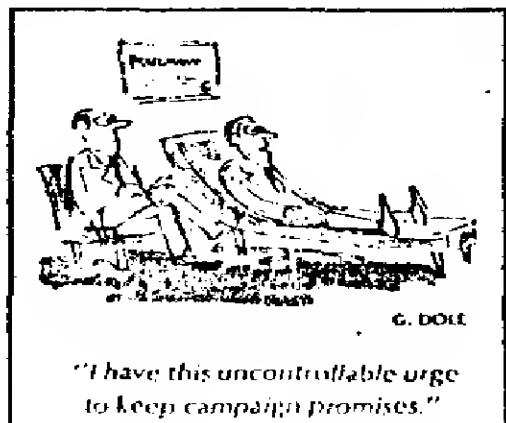
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+ **FEBRUARY 17** +
+ 1975 +
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A RUSSIAN FIRST: Believe it or not, some Russians working in a steel mill noticed they were able to blow smoke thru a sheet of porous iron. Would you believe an iron cigarette filter that takes out 70% of the tar and junk!

Richmond rolls on with a new jingle:
"When you're livin' in Richmond, it's
understood,
when you're livin' in Richmond, you're
livin' good!"

(We do only have 2.1% unemployment though!!)



PSO-001 1973-GJ **GERMAN ARMY SAVED BY MIRACLE**

Winter 1909 & Spring 1910 plus a correction (almost as usual, sorry to say)

CORRECTION: Last turn, I wiped out a German Army Marseilles when I let a foreign supported German Army Burgundy enter and take Marseilles. Well, I checked my adjudication with some prompting from Steve Brooks, and, sure as hell, I was wrong. So, that means that Germany builds only one new unit and that GA Mar & GA Bur are both on the map for play. Sorry again, boys!

Winter 1909

AUSTRIA: Remove Army Smyrna

GERMANY: Build Army Kiel

ENGLAND: Remain as is

ITALY: Remain as is

FRANCE: Remain as is

o=o
Spring 1910

AUSTRIA (Kelly)

A Liv-Pru
A Gal-Sil
A Rom-Van
F Aeg-Ion

A Mos-Liv
A Boh-Sil
A Nap-Rom
F Alb S F Aeg-Ion

A Sev-Mos
A Tyr-Boh
F Apu-Nap
F Gre-HOLD

A Ukr S A Sev-Mos
A Pie S GA Mar
F Ion-Tun
A Gre-HOLD

ENGLAND (Hicks)

F Edi-Yor

FRANCE (Blank)

A Lpl S EA Edi //No Such Unit//
F GoL S F Spasc F Spasc S AA Pie-Mar //No Such Order//

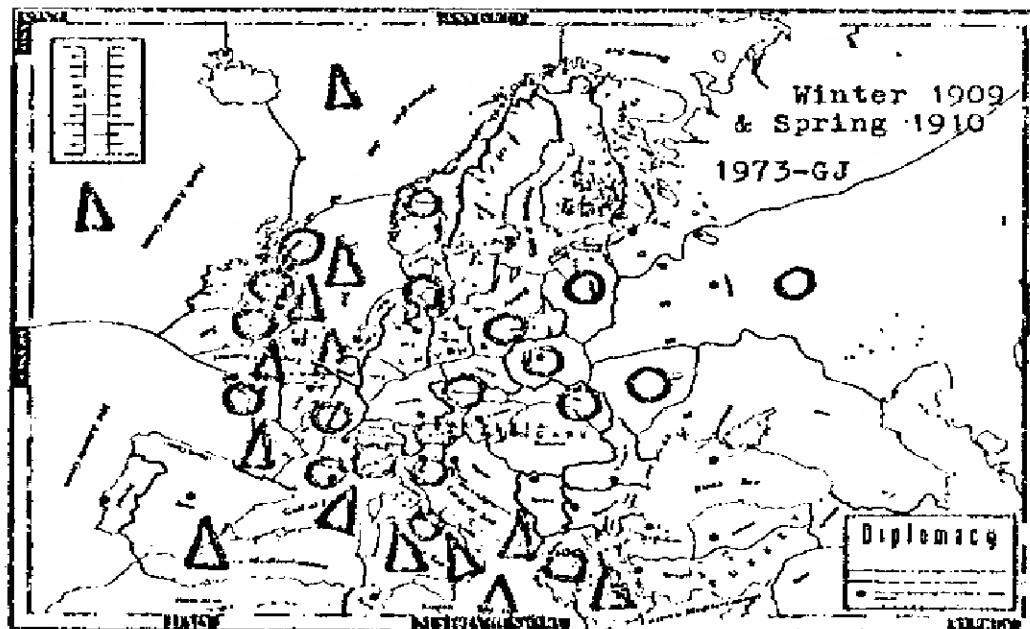
GERMANY (Brooks)

A Swe-Nwy A Bel-Edi F Nth C A Bel-Edi
F Nwg S A Bel-Edi F NAT-Lpl A Bre-Wal A Gas-Bre
F Eng C A Bre-Wal A Mar-HOLD A Eur S A Mar
F Hol-Bel A War-HOLD A Kie-Den

ITALY (Claman)

F Tyrr-Tun //Eenie, meenie, minie, moe, right?//

o=o
CONCESSION: Again we have a motion to concede the game to Austria and the German with the remainder surviving. Please vote - abstain counts as "no".
o=o



DEADLINE:

Fall 1910

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x FEBRUARY 17 x
x 1975 x
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o NOTE: I could
o have held up the
o moves for one of
o turns but since
o the corrections
o didn't really do
o anything to the
o outcome of these
o moves, I didn't.
o I hope this is a
o acceptable method
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Q. Would it be safe to assume that Nelson Rockefeller owns Henry Kissinger lock, stock, and barrel? After all it was Rockefeller who employed Kissinger, introduced him into the foreign policy community, recommended him to Nixon, and then gave Henry a gift of \$50,000. What do you think? --Harrison Lewis, Providence, R.I.

A. It would be safe to assume that Rockefeller owns Kissinger's loyalty but "lock, stock, and barrel" is clearly unfair, implying as it does that Kissinger's integrity is for sale.

"The chief problem of the low-income farmers is poverty."

--NELSON ROCKEFELLER

"Uhhhh....
sure!!!"

"The law, in its majestic equality," observed French novelist Anatole France, "forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets and to steal bread."

This little set should give you all something to think about now and again I'm sure....

DR. WRIGHT's REPLY: "In reply to Mr. Steven Brooks....."

Dear Mr. Brooks;

I shall do my level best to reply to your "open letter", though I realize that to attain your level entails some degree of knee-bending.

Since you didn't bother answering the quiz, why bother writing a separate diatribe? Especially as you are such a busy, busy, busy man. My, my, one would think you were the only person holding a job, having a family and playing Diplomacy!!

I shall ignore commenting upon your remarks as to your relationship with your spouse. Certainly, humor it is not, so I guess you do have a feverish imagination. In any case I am not interested in your personal life.

As to Mr. "R.W.", you stated yourself that "he served..." past tense, so he is not currently working in an ICBM silo, or the Air Force, or the Guadalajara State Symphony Orchestra, or etc, etc.

On the other hand, you, my dear chap, indeed work in an ICBM missile silo. You state you don't lack humor or imagination. If you weren't "insulted", why bother writing the "open letter" in defense of people who do work in missile silos??? Eh? I agree though, that you do have imagination, albeit warped.

It may interest you to know that I served in the U.S. Navy for four years, and during that time analyzed hydraulic and lube oils for Polaris submarines and maintained Diesel engines on these submarines. An error on my part could have resulted in hydraulic valve failure, a theorized cause of the "Thresher" tragedy. However, so you don't get any ideas, the "Thresher" sank in the Atlantic; I served in the Pacific.

So essentially, my message or reply to you consists of: "Up yours, Jack!". If you had answered the quiz, I might have been more polite.

Mary-Ann Wright, Doctor of Dishwashing
(Note: For those of you not familiar with the Doctor's work, Mary-Ann Wright has done more to get women out in the open in Diplomacy than any other person involved with the hobby. The Doctor holds degrees in Engineering and Psychology. And, too, is the only Mary-Ann ever to have served in such a position as listed in the reply above concerning the Doctor's involvement with the U.S. Navy. In fact, I guess you might say "Mary-Ann knows the Navy...."). //Excuse the pun// "Yeah, and the Navy knows Spike Lind, he filled in for Mary-Ann in her absence." Ms. Lind.

DIAL A POLISH JOKE: Yes, Its true. A group of young men at Virginia Commonwealth University have set up a recorded telephone operation where you can dial toll-free from anywhere in the United States and hear one of many Polish jokes they have waiting for you. The number is reached by dialing:

"(800)- P-O-L-I-S-H - Q"

If anyone of you calls, write down the joke you hear and send it to me with your next set of moves. I think you'll like the jokes... "Mike Lind is a Polish Joke..." Ms. Lind.



"You never buy me nice things like that."

The fire doors connecting the men's and women's wings of a dormitory at West Virginia's Marshall University were welded shut on orders from the administration. Officials said they acted solely to curb vandalism, but the school newspaper called it "the world's biggest chastity belt."

Perp! A panic stricken woman in Hamilton, Ontario, called police after hearing strange birdlike noises coming from her bathroom. She went to investigate, she said, and found a 200-pound man swinging happily from the railing above—completely nude, except for a heavy growth of feathers apparently sprouting from the top of his head. Police failed to apprehend the feathered fiend.

1972-GG Current Suspension of Play and Resolution of Discropanoies:

Larry Moran took the time to write and distribute a well-written note on the situation of 1972-GG. He requested that we print it in PEN & SWORD but we have chosen not to do so for two reasons: 1) Larry mailed copies to all those directly involved, and 2) We did not want to take the space needed to print both his letter and the letters of support we received. However, if anyone is interested, I will send them a copy of Larry's letter at no charge. Okay... onward.

1972-GG has had numerous mistakes (like all postal Diplomacy games) and upon going back over the game, it seems that only three alternatives exist: 1) Continue the game as is, though this isn't the best choice, 2) move the game back to the publication of the Fall 1908 Turn upon which France made his second consecutive NMR and was removed; then find a replacement for that position and continue from this point - this being the best alternative in our viewpoint, or 3) The players in 1972-GG can take their game out of Seven Hills Publications jurisdiction and give it to another willing publisher - this is possibly the worst alternative as there is no money available for this transfer.

Now then, it's up to Ron Kelly, Jerry Ripperda, Larry Moran, and Mike Lind to decide unanimously on one choice or let the game fall into some kind of limbo. Steven Brooks does not have a vote in the disposition of it simply because he has not yet completed a full year of play in the game and is not really involved in it as yet.

(Speaking for myself, Mike that is, I'm for moving back to Fall 1908 and restarting the game from there - my vote is for #2. Ron, I think that you should also agree to this as I'm sure your position will not change in any great way from what it now is. Jerry and Larry will have to decide for themselves if they want what Larry has asked for so often, if my impression of his letters is correct. Hell, guys, we've come this far together!)

OKAY, NOW IT'S UP TO YOU!

Terry Knowles: I'm not going to print what you said word for word but I am going to outline it: 1) Death with Dignity- Terry is for this but only if a person is fully aware of his actions. We can't argue with that. He also seemed surprised that Virginia would even dream of such a liberal type of action - so was I, Terry! 2) Scoring the Driver- It sounded okay, but aren't the violators the ones already aware of the law and disregarding it anyway? Terry, you're right. It sounded to me like a new rip-off for the insurance companies - you're rated already and they just pick the price! -(thanks for your comments - I enjoyed the note)

Hey! I've got a lot of little short things for the next few issues but my cartoons are running short. Send me your favorites and I'll return them once I use them. Or for that matter, send anything short that's has some interest to most people and I'll print that if I like it, too.

THE LORD'S ECCENTRICITY

According to a United Press International news story, an eight-year-old boy in Memphis, Tennessee, was lured to the Sunday services of a local church by promises of hot dogs and soft drinks. During the service, the minister, the Reverend Gene Hobgood, pointed out the boy's long hair, saying in effect that all males who don't keep it trimmed close are going to hell. The child was terrorized into submitting to a haircut then and there. The hell-fire sermon so frightened the boy, his parents say, that his nose bled all Sunday afternoon. They are seeing an attorney about the incident. The Reverend Hobgood, not dismayed, told the press, "I didn't start it. The Lord did. And it works."

If the Reverend Hobgood reports the Lord's position correctly, the Lord might need psychiatric treatment. Throwing little children into eternal flames because of the length of their hair is not behavior characteristic of the mentally sound. Such eccentric passims certainly do not fit a person for a responsible position such as that of Creator of the universe.

Robert Olson
Dallas, Texas

"I pray for Milky Way. I pray for Snickers... And so on."

*Board-room prayer of sweets czar
FORREST NARS*

"The good Lord gave me my money."

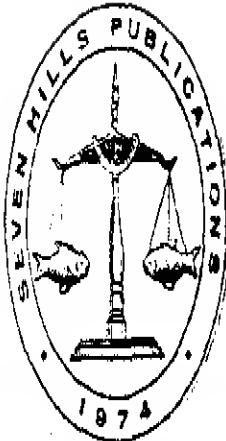
—JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

ALL PLAYERS:

Your next set of moves will be due for all our games on the following date; telephoned orders would be appreciated one day earlier if you can do so:

| FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
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We've been having a bad rash of NMRs lately and its going to have to STOP! John Baker has consented to help our situation and its appreciated very much - any more volunteers? Hey, Knowles, you sent your set of standby orders to me, not the right gamesmaster, dummy!!!



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